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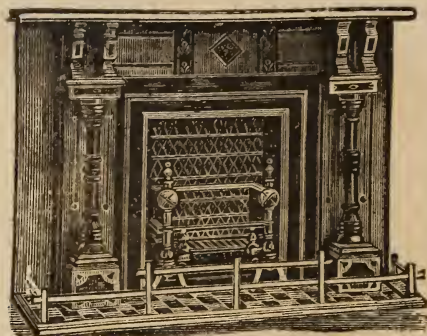
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NOT ALONE.

"To all the sweetness and all the mirth,
 That stir in the bosom of kindly earth,
 To the flower in the field, and the bird in the
 bough,
 And the seed springing up in the track of the
 plough.
 To the sweeping hours, to the mist and the
 rain,
 And the sunshine that always returns again :
 To the laugh of childhood, and friendship
 call,
 To the faithful around us, who help us all,
 To the love and the loveliness everywhere—
 A presence I feel, and a blessing I share.
 I sing and the song is forever new,
 'I am glad I live in the world with you.'"

The good that we work for is hard to win,
 But our labor and worship are woven in .
 To one marvelous web with the beauty we see
 Unfolding from blossom and star and tree,
 That widens and lengthens and stretches
 above,
 And into the deeps of infinite love.

Ye spirits dear who have vanished from
 sight,
 You are only hid in the splendor of light,
 That is as the dazzling soul of the sun !
 There are many mansions, the home is one,
 And the doors are open, the light shines
 through,
 I am glad I live in the world with you."

For The Maryland Farmer.

THE LAWS AND THE FARMERS.

It is one of the most common sayings of
 the press in all parts of the country that
 farmers politically hold both parties in the
 hollow of their hands.

Unfortunately the farmers act as if they
 did not believe it and submit tamely to
 whatever the bosses in the parties may
 dictate.

Had they believed in this power, they
 would long ago have secured such laws as
 would prevent the government from spend-

ing four score millions of dollars every year to support able bodied citizens.

I do not hesitate to say, that the most gigantic folly of this age is the taxing of the country to support a class of sturdy men who are well able to support themselves, and who have not the slightest claim upon the country in any shape.

This tax, too, falls in very great part upon the farmers and will be a heavy burden for a great many years. Instead of decreasing, it is in fact growing, so that fifty millions has become a hundred millions annually.

No one would object to supporting at the public expense anyone physically unable to support himself. The great mistake of the law is in giving large amounts to those who are already beyond any need of help.

The farmers should insist upon a law making actual need the test in all cases where applications are made for government support. It should, also, provide that where parties become able to support themselves the government help should be withdrawn.

I do not believe in paying out hundreds of millions of dollars to hundreds of thousands of mean applicants; for in this country there is no necessity for there being such an immense body of incapables.

I am, also, of the opinion that no class—be they retired office holders and their families, be they soldiers, or manufacturers, or ship owners, or farmers, or merchants, or mechanics,—have any right to especial favors from a republican government.

When manufacturers are so favored that they are able in a few years to count their gains by millions, it is time to call a halt. Where is the government leading us?

Look now at the United States Senate. It is a body of millionaires who have secured their places through the influence of their money. I do not mean by direct

bribery; but their money has placed them there. Precious few have been able of late years to reach that position unless they have ranged among the high figures.

And what do they care for the farmers and their toils and their prosperity?

Farmers want a different class of law makers at the capital of our nation. They want men who are not mere money bags, and who only use their influence to make the rich richer at the expense of the farmer.

In a lesser degree the same state of things is fast becoming the rule in our State Legislatures. The man with a long purse carries the day. He ridicules the farmers for supposing that they can prevent money from ruling. He says "step into the back ground, you clodhoppers, while I shine."

A man with a million or so, who is free to use it, to bestow pleasant favors upon any who have the influence, can easily walk through the state offices even to the Governor's Chair, and then the Senate is not very far away.

When anyone is nominated for a high office, it is whisperingly asked, "How big is his barrel?" and everyone knows what that means.

I think the time is come when we should support substantial farmers for all offices until we get back once more to an economical administration of the government.
J. B. S.

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FARMERS CONVENTION QUESTIONS.

Sandy Spring, Md.

We have received the following questions to be discussed at the Farmers' Convention to be held at Sandy Spring Tuesday, Jan. 21, 11 A. M. They are important subjects and well worthy the close attention of farmers. It is high time that farmers should speak out on these vital questions and make their words felt by an appropriate action.—[Ed.]

1. Would it be to the interest of the citizens of the County to have a County Treasurer?

2. Should we not urge the County Commissioners to act on the dog law?

3. What is the best method of keeping ensilage?

4. How can the "Killing out" of clover be prevented?

5. From what commercial fertilizers do we reap the best results?

6. What practical means can be taken to separate party politics from County affairs, that citizens may receive better results from the money expended?

7. Does the observation of citizens confirm them in the belief that our public roads are improving under the present system of supervision and repairing?

HENRY C. HALLOWELL,

President.

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For the Maryland Farmer.

A CHANGE NECESSARY, VIII.

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On every farm a certain space of good ground should be set apart for a permanent Orchard.

I do not mean of course for a peach orchard, because the peach can hardly be called now more than a semi-permanent crop.

Localities where it has once been grown for a very short period rapidly become unfit for its profitable cultivation, and only two or three good crops can as a general thing be depended upon from a peach orchard.

The Apple is in fact the great permanent orchard fruit. It is permanent; with care it lasts two generations or even more. It is profitable; it brings in a large sum with reasonable certainty. It does not impose a very oppressive amount of labor.

Other fruits come in a measure under these same conditions: The Pear and the Quince may be mentioned particularly as filling this bill. But the Apple is the most generally popular and profitable.

It is necessary however that especial attention be given to obtain the very best qualities of fruits, for the various purposes of household use, and near and far markets.

To do this, visit the nearest nurseryman for all the common fruit adapted to your neighborhood. The nearest, provided you can depend upon him to give you what you want.

We advise further that you send for the catalogues of those who have an established reputation; for some believe that Northern trees flourish best in this locality. I don't believe it myself, however. Get the catalogues; for they frequently give important ideas in connexion with especial lines of fruit.

Having decided what you will have in your Orchard, do not delay ordering for spring planting; but state when you shall expect them, giving all necessary particulars for their prompt conveyance to your farm.

Early orders receive the best attention and generally get the best trees.

Do not be afraid that this work of setting out an orchard will interfere with other and more important work. The time has now come, when no work on our Eastern farms is more important.

With half the amount of work, the orchard gives twice the return of any grain crop, even though it bears only every other year. By selection, by thinning and picking off of the fruit, the bearing year may sometimes be changed; so that fruit may be had every year from different trees in the same orchard.

I am well satisfied that the future will fully justify anyone, who is looking forward to some means of remedying the grain depression and to lightening the labors of the farm, in setting out extensive orchards where the circumstances are favorable.

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WORN-OUT LANDS.

Are they worth recuperating?

or,

Shall we go west?

If there is anything in the neighborhood of schools, churches, villages, city markets, pleasant associations and the blessings of

civilized Society, we have every reason to say, "Stay in the East—stay here."

The worst worn out lands in this section will not require as hard work, as many deprivations in its restoration, as the rich lands of the west will require before a comfortable and isolated home is secured.

Isolated indeed is the home in the far west—so much so that one's children become almost strangers to human society.

Better the comforts of our Eastern country while the rigid economy is exercised in recovering worn-out lands, than the forced labor and economy of a half civilized region and none of the advantages which bless us here.

REAL ESTATE SALES.

Considerable property is changing hands both in the city and country, but prices are not ranging high. Money is not plentiful and those who want it are obliged to pay a handsome premium to obtain it. This keeps real estate comparatively low; but those best informed speak encouragingly of the future.

MORE "COMBINES."

More English Capital on hand.

Now for the Tobacco Farmers.

The great tobacco manufacturers are now in the field. Only about twenty millions of dollars to be put into this trust. And what is to be the result?

Tobacco has not paid any the best for some years past. Now this great trust are almost ready to say how little they will allow the farmer for his crop.

Cigarette smokers may prepare to pay a little more for their luxury; but that is of no moment, they can afford it.

The farmer, whether much is raised or

little is raised, will be forced to take just what the trust chooses to give.

Well, raise something better than tobacco and starve out the great tobacco trust.

POND LILY TOILET WASH

is truly refreshing on face or hands, or in the bath. We have enjoyed its use.

THE MARKETS.

The consumers are paying fair prices for all they get: Pork rules 10c to 12c a pound, but dressed hogs bring the farmer only 4½c to 5c. Good lard is worth 11c to the consumer, also.

Poultry has ruled high during all the holiday season compared with the past years; but we cannot learn that the consumers' price has added anything to the farmers' income.

Too much of a chasm between the farmer and the eater—a vast chasm filled in by trusts, by railroad monopolies, by wholesalers—all of whom must have a luxurious living.

It is this chasm so well occupied which more than doubles the price obtained by the farmer, before his produce reaches the table.

The day of retribution is bound to come—only let it come quickly.

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GATHERED CRUMBS.

As a precaution against weevil in grain the granary ought to be entirely cleared every year and old grain stored elsewhere.

Feed the pigs regularly and liberally a variety of wholesome food, always some bulky food, and let each feed be eaten up clean before more is given.

The difficulty when cream will not raise, in nine cases out of ten, is the temperature. Every butter maker should use a thermometer.

Dandelion as a market crop for greens is becoming quite valuable.

Wood ashes are a valuable fertilizer for all crops, but especially for orchard crops.

Work upon roads, paths, flower beds, drains and all other labor requiring the removal of earth is much better done at this season than in the spring.

Fall grain may now have a top dressing of suitable manure or of commercial fertilizer.

Take good care of the fodder corn. It is a valuable adjunct on the farm where there are no silos.

The dwarf conifers fill a place in ornamental planting that few other plants can.

The Fay currant sustains an enviable reputation.

It is learned from a bulletin issued at the Ohio station that the following straw berries possess special characteristics which fit them for private growers and amateurs: Jessie, Lida, Louise, Logan, Jersey Queen, Sharpless and Cumberland.

Heads of pyrethrum roseum, grown on the New York experiment station grounds at Geneva were powdered, and proved equally effective in killing flies as the California buhach.

The Miami strawberry is a late blooming variety.

The Wilder pear has been favorably reported on from many sections this season.

Celery needs attention from now on.

The rhubarb plat will be benefited by a good dressing of manure.

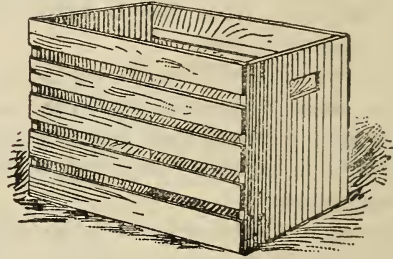
The avowed object of the Association of Orange Dealers, which was formed not long ago in New York, is to unite with the orange growers and prevent the shipping of fruit to irresponsible persons who undersell the regular dealers.

No person should ever drive a horse who does not know how to harness or unharness. The women folks are included in this.

A SLATTED POTATO BOX.

Something a Little Cheaper and Perhaps a Little Better.

In the manufacture of the one piece sections we have pieces of basswood left that will not make sections on account of bad color, unsightly knots, checks, etc., in such quantity that we sell, during the busy season, from three to four wagon loads of this kind of wood for kindling almost every day. For years



POTATO BOX MADE OF SLATS.

we have been puzzling our brains to find some use for these refuse pieces of basswood, but nothing has come up to indicate a use for more than a very small part of them until just now. A few days ago Mr. Warner, the foreman of our woodworking machinery, submitted a potato box, made entirely of these refuse strips of basswood, with the exception of the end pieces. We give you a picture of it below.

Perhaps I might explain that the refuse sticks are put on to the buzz saw and sliced up $\frac{3}{4}$ inch thick. This gives the slats. The ends of the box are also made of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch lumber. With our specially made saws, we cut the stuff almost as smooth as it can be made with a plane, and, as the ends are always planed, we have a box that is nice enough to be painted if desirable. By using long barbed wire nails, and putting two in the end of each strip, we get a box strong enough so that the galvanized iron binding can, I think, be safely omitted; and we can make the price, all nailed up, complete, only 20 cents, instead of 25, the price of our former potato box: 10 boxes, nailed up, will be sold for \$1.85;

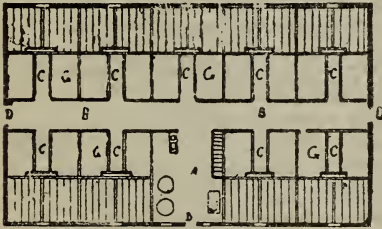
This is an "ad": A pleasant dwelling in a pleasant locality in Baltimore is for sale very low—write to us at once.

100, nailed up, for \$16. Material in the flat, including nails, will be \$12 per 100. We shall crate them in packages of 12 boxes each at \$1.50 a package, and 2 of the 12 will be nailed up.

The more I use the potato boxes the more I am convinced there should be a good deal of ventilation through them. Keeping our seed potatoes over winter last year, we found a few rotten ones, but they were invariably in the center of the boxes. The boxes were raised from the ground by blocks, and separated from each other by blocks also, so as to allow a full circulation of air. Now, these slatted boxes will give a better circulation than the old kind, even if they are simply piled one over the other, without any blocks between them at all.—From "Gleanings in Bee Culture."

A PIGGERY.

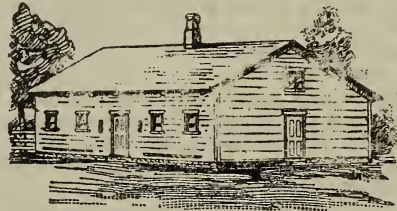
Country Gentleman, in reply to a correspondent, gives the annexed plan for a large piggery. Its capacity may be increased to any extent by adding to the length at each end, with the same internal arrangements. The feeding pens are placed on a sloping plank floor, and they are readily cleaned by pushing the manure through the horizontal slits extending along each side. C C C are passages for the attendant in feeding the animals; F F F are feeding apartments;



PIGGERY PLAN.

G G G are sleeping apartments; B B, the central passage. The troughs extend part way across the feeding rooms, with a board partition between them. The divisions between the feeding rooms and the sleeping apartments are a single board, 6 in. high, which holds the clean straw from becoming mixed with the manure. D D D are doors, through which the animals may enter; and sliding doors may be made for all the apartments, and between them, for throwing two together

when desired. The space A contains the cooking apparatus, to which may be added any additional heater when necessary. Each window affords light to two apartments, and which will aid in keeping them perfectly clean. The floor has a uniform surface, with no break, the central portion being level, while the side floors for the eating pens have a slope to aid in cleaning and drainage, being about 4 in. in 6 ft. To assist in cleaning, an opening is made 6 in. wide along the whole length of the outside of the sloping floors, and a board 6 in. wide is hung on hinges at the upper edge, so that it may be hooked up for cleaning, and



PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF PIGGERY.

lowered for excluding cold air in cold weather, or opened for the admission of fresh air in warm weather. The ground should slope away from the building on both sides. Pigs are naturally cleanly animals if their owners will only give them a chance, and with a supply of clean straw for bedding, they will keep it clean.

APPLE MAGGOT AND POTATO ROT.

A bulletin from the Maine agricultural experiment station relative to the apple maggot gives the following directions:

Thoroughly and promptly destroy all refuse from infested fruit, apple pomace, waste about the house, etc.

Promptly destroy windfall apples and infested fruit.

Destruction should be immediate after the first of August, and nothing short of deep burying, burning or feeding to swine or cattle will be effective.

These precautions should be universally adopted.

The sale or importation of infested fruit should be prohibited.

The same bulletin gives seven ways of preventing the potato rot which we re-

Take the best care of your implements and tools—they cost large sums of money, and will be wanted next season.

produce for the readers of The Farmer and Homes.

Burn the tops and leaves in the fall after the crop is gathered to destroy the winter spores contained in them.

Gather all the small potatoes, for if allowed to decay in the field the winter spores in them will start the disease the following summer.

Select seed for planting, if possible, from fields or localities exempt from the disease the previous season.

Rotate the potato crop, as the winter spores germinate the following spring and finding no food plants must perish.

Burn all decayed potatoes taken from the cellar or bins and other potato refuse; do not throw them on the compost heap, as the spores retain their vitality and are spread far and wide with the manure.

The winter spores do not germinate very early in the spring. The planting of early varieties that mature before the parasite can get a start has been recommended.

If cut seed is used the surface should be allowed to dry, for when placed in the ground the winter spores would find ready entrance to the tubers through the freshly cut surface.

HANGING BASKETS.

Invention, fancy and even cultured caprice have been exhausted in designing baskets for hanging with plants in. They range through all styles, from the extreme rustic to the Moorish ornate, and are of wood, wire, spring steel, cordage, terra cotta and some other materials. A quaint and beautiful rustic hanging basket is made of laurel roots, which can be found in all sorts of grotesque shapes, and yet blend together into a really rustic harmony. This kind gives, perhaps, the truest air of rusticity to the exterior of the basket. The appended cuts are designed from illustrations which originally appeared in an admirable volume, "Gardening for Pleasure."

The other extreme is the balloon frame hanging basket, which conveys no suggestion whatever of rusticity, and is absolutely devoid of any hint of naturalness. It is thoroughly artificial, and this, by its sharp contrast with the plants enclosed, makes quite a charm for some

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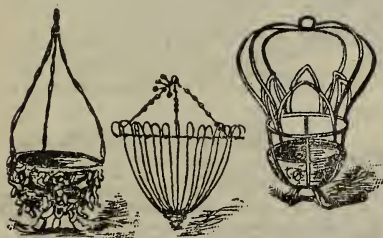
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people. It is a fact few have noticed, yet recognized by all, that there are, as one botanist phrases it, "no right lines in growing nature." This means that there is no such thing as a cardinal line or perfect geometrical figure in anything of organic growth, plant or animal. Occasionally a plant presents lines almost exactly straight, and in the forms of coloring on some animals the figures appear at first view exact; but there is always some departure. The whole body of an animal is made up of delicate curves—beauty is "roundness"—the square, blocky or angular is unhandsome.



RUSTIC. WIRE. BALLOON FRAME.

In manufactured articles, on the other hand, the tendency is to exact figures, and in the crystallization of minerals the geometry is exact. It is in the sharp contrast between these principles that the artist finds room for many a variation—each heightening the effect of its opposite. Hence the beauty of the balloon frame hanging basket. But this blending of the geometrically exact with the charming vagrancy of plant-nature requires good taste and not a little cultivation of the eye, and in the basket, as in laying out a garden or platting a yard or lawn, the engineering may be too apparent, too perfect as it were. "Artistic negligence," "the art which conceals all art"—in flower gardening as in poetry this is the point to be aimed at. If most observers admire the basket more than its contents, there is reason to suspect an error of taste.

The wire basket is less obtrusive and consequently not so likely to be too prominent. Many attractive receptacles for flowers are also made of pottery ware and wood, as well as other materials. Of course there should be perforations around the base, as the hanging plant requires more water than the plant in the soil, the air circulating freely below as well as above it. The best way of watering is to sink the basket in a tub or pail of water till the earth is wet through, and the rule with most plants

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A list of plants suitable for hanging baskets would be very long. They are mosses, ivies, smilax, moneywort, ivy-leaved geraniums, dracaenas, marantas, ferns and many more. Even when upright plants are grown, if the basket is exposed to the sun or on a porch where there is a draught, the surface may profitably be covered with moss from the woods. It keeps the earth more evenly moist, adds to the rustic naturalness of the effect and in no way interferes with the main plant.

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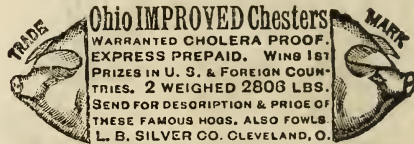
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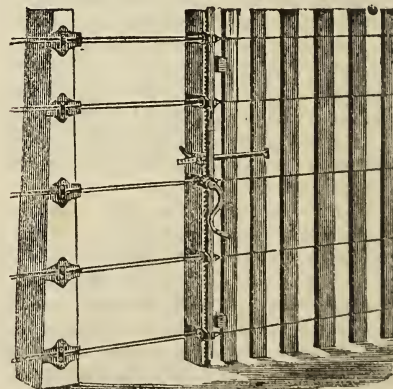


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not covered, although a Japanese umbrella raised over one gives a good effect. These large cushions are especially useful in a chamber not provided with a lounge of some sort; many a tired body would be stretched out for a little rest during the day were it not for the trouble of taking off the shams and undressing the bed. In this cozy nook one may find rest without extra work.

Still another way to bring about the same effect is to have a three cornered shelf built about a foot from the floor, put a full valance around this and a large cushion upon it, and the thing is finished. The space underneath will be found useful for storing boots and shoes, etc.



A COZY NOOK.

A more pretentious corner, though not so large, was arranged in a room which had a dado of Japanese matting. A triangular box about the height of an ordinary chair was made to fit and fastened there securely. The hinges should be put on the front, or the lid will not open well. The box made a convenient receptacle for newspapers, work basket, slippers, or any of the necessary debris of daily use, which is sometimes unsightly. A cushion was made to fit the top, and covered with furniture plush; a piece of the same was tacked on smoothly across the front. Another straight piece was fastened to the wall behind the seat to the height of the dado. Above this was stretched a piece of Chinese storm coat—plain matting will do as well—upon which was painted the following lines:

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On a line with the bottom of the frieze was a three cornered shelf; below this was a foot and a half of lattice made of reglet sticks. On a line with the lower edge of the lattice was stretched a small brass rod, from which hung soft silken curtains. On the shelf were jars of Mexican pottery and other large bric-a-brac that could stand the height. A small

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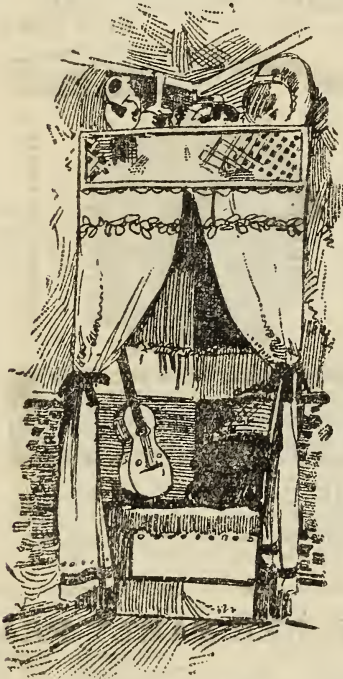


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bracket set in the corner, and here was placed a small lamp with rose colored shade which tempered the light to the tired eyes.

A square nook may be arranged by placing a curtain pole four foot long securely against the wall, at right angles with it; a long brace is necessary for this. A Bagdad curtain or handsome piece of drapery is thrown over this and allowed to hang in careless folds. A permanent seat may be arranged like the one just described, but a very good one may be improvised by using one of the old fashioned tete-a-tetes and adjusting half a dozen pillows thereon. This sort of a corner will be found very useful and tasteful for evening parties where only temporary arrangements are desired.

A very jolly corner, seen in a New York studio, had a canopy of sailcloth, with fish net drapery. A dais, five or six feet square, was built in the corner. This was covered with plain drugget, with a handsome rug stretched



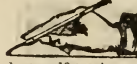
A COZY CORNER.

through the center. Dozens of pillows and small cushions filled the space and made it look restful and repose-inviting. A solemn owl perched on the ridge pole and kept guard over the unconscious sleeper.

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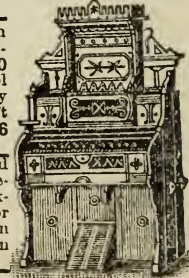
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